

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:

**Dale W. Malik**

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For: **Transferring Instant Messaging (IM) Messages**

Confirmation Number: **4958**

Group Art Unit: **2196**

Examiner: **Hussain, Tauqir**

Docket No. **190250-1350**

**RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and remarks contained herein in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 4, 2006. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.